

A Finding the Main Idea

One statement below expresses the main idea of the article. One statement is too general, or too broad. The other statement explains only part of the article; it is too narrow. Label the statements using the following key:

M—Main Idea B—Too Broad N—Too Narrow

- _____ 1. George Soper was the first person to suspect that Mary Mallon might have caused the Warren family's illness.
- _____ 2. Typhoid is a powerful disease that can cause grave illness and even death.
- _____ 3. Mary Mallon carried deadly typhoid germs and infected many victims before she was arrested and put in a hospital.

_____ Score 15 points for a correct M answer.

_____ Score 5 points for each correct B or N answer.

_____ Total Score: Finding the Main Idea

B Recalling Facts

How well do you remember the facts in the article? Put an X in the box next to the answer that correctly completes each statement about the article.

1. Mary Mallon cooked for wealthy families in
 - ☐ a. New York City.
 - ☐ b. Pennsylvania.
 - ☐ c. Florida.
2. Typhoid germs are carried around in
 - ☐ a. spoiled milk.
 - ☐ b. the human body.
 - ☐ c. garbage fumes.
3. Usually, when Mary's victims became ill, she
 - ☐ a. reported their illness to health officials.
 - ☐ b. nursed them back to health.
 - ☐ c. packed her bags and left.
4. It was hard for Mary to believe that she could spread typhoid because she
 - ☐ a. could not understand what typhoid was.
 - ☐ b. was very healthy herself.
 - ☐ c. did not even know that her victims were getting sick.
5. To get released, Mary agreed never to
 - ☐ a. work as a cook again.
 - ☐ b. make her home in New York City.
 - ☐ c. leave the United States.

Score 5 points for each correct answer.

_____ Total Score: Recalling Facts